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appreciated your effort at a compromise, but I didn't feel it was a compromise at all. Then you had your amendment earlier today which said that unless there was this level of money appropriated to this program, Senator Foley's language would not be appropriate or wouldn't be enforced. And now you've changed the amendment. You withdrew the previous amendment that made Senator Foley's amendment contingent on the funding being at a certain level. Now can you tell me what you've done then? You've withdrawn that amendment and you're running FA608. Can you tell us exactly what that does?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Well, the funding will stay in for the new program. In future years, if it does not, if it isn't available, then that program will still be there, I would imagine.

SENATOR BOURNE: So this...so this is similar to the very first amendment you ran...

SENATOR JANSSEN: Yes, just changing the money.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...that increased the funding but didn't make Senator Foley's language contingent upon the funding being there.

SENATOR JANSSEN: That's right.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. And you did that because you didn't think that you had the votes to do...to carry the day or what?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Well, you know, legislation has a lot to do with compromise, Senator Bourne, and this is a yearly thing. If it doesn't work out, when we come back and address it again in the next budget cycle or in the midterm, that money could be struck.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. But the...and the Governor could even strike that this round and we'd have to override the veto if the body was inclined to increase the funding for this particular program.